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JOINT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AND THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY ON A UNIFIED PLAN FOR CONTROL OF FLOODS, IRRIGATION, AND USE OF WATER IN THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE BASIN IN NEW MEXICO

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As a result of coordinated studies of the Bureau of Reclamation and Corps of Engineers extending over the past five years, and final conferences between the two agencies beginning in May 1947, agreements have been reached on a unified plan for flood control, reclamation and numerous water uses in the Middle Rio Grande Basin in New Mexico, and on the responsibilities of the two agencies in the accomplishment of this plan.

The plan formulated is a coordinated one which takes into consideration the control of floods, irrigation, and all major water uses, and includes:

1. Provision for the control of floods through the Middle Rio Grande Valley.
2. Provision for the rehabilitation and extension of irrigation and the related improvement and extension of drainage in the Middle Rio Grande Valley.
3. Provision for control of sedimentation and for degradation of the channel of the Rio Grande.
4. Provision for future development of hydroelectric power if and when such development is found to be feasible and justified and is authorized based upon later reports on that subject.
5. The two agencies recognize that there is an important need for supplementary measures for the control of soil erosion and for retardation of runoff in the watersheds which are now being investigated by the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior. Current plans are sufficiently flexible that they can be fully coordinated with any programs for watershed treatment which may be instituted by appropriate Federal or local agencies.

It is agreed that the unified plan will include the following major features and that responsibility for construction, operation and maintenance thereof will be undertaken by the Federal agencies indicated:

<u>Feature</u>	<u>Responsible Agency</u>
Chamita Reservoir	Corps of Engineers
Chiflo Reservoir	Corps of Engineers